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1. Unit Utvar No 3700/60 G was stationed in the Artillery Barracks, Presov (R 49/E 37), in early May 1950. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] officers included senior Lieutenant Petrasko, (fnu), CO, and Junior Lieutenant Hunady, (fnu), Dpty CO. There was one battery equipped with four guns of about 120 mm caliber, and a mortar company equipped with four soviet 120-mm mortars. (1)

2. Lieutenant J. Panuscek, (fnu), a convinced Communist, was CO of SMG CO Utvar No 8700/60-W4, Presov.

3. Troops from the Presov military post held field exercises in the Krupina (Q 49/C 61) - Pliesovec (Q 49/C 72) area in May 1950. The maneuvers started on 3 May 1950 and were to continue until 29 May 1950. Other troops from the post were to hold field exercises later. Soviet instructors attended the exercises. (2)

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5. Traffic junctions and bridges in the Presov area were heavily guarded by SNB and militia personnel on 27 May 1950. (5)
6. Shipments of weapons from the U.S.S.R. are due to arrive, [REDACTED] at the KVV or military subdistrict headquarters.

[REDACTED] comments.

- (1) Unit 8700/60 G is the Inf gun co of the 20th Inf Regt and is thus confirmed. [REDACTED] The regiment presumably includes an infantry gun company which is probably equipped with 76-mm guns, and a mortar company with 120-mm mortars.
- (2) pliesovce is the railroad station at the Oremov-Laz troop training grounds. It is therefore assumed that the exercises were held there.
- (3) No military unit is known to be stationed in Poprad.
- (4) [REDACTED] the Kosice 32d Inf Regt, it is evident that elements of the 32d Inf Regt held exercises in Oremov-Laz, in addition to elements of the 20th Inf Regt. The induction of reservists in March 1950 indicates that the reservists' training period began at the same time as in 1949.
- (5) The security measures in the Presov area were probably of no military importance. It is assumed that they were a result of local political tension, such as riots repeatedly occurring in Slovakia following the arrest of clergy-men.

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